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REPLY

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Sir

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2007, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire October 30, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.